

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session
Tuesday, February 5, 2008 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Linda Joseph, Vice Chairman
Mike Spearman, Commissioner
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board
Meg Krutzler, Secretary to the Board in training

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pace at 9:02 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Delete Attorney report and Mike Blenden of USFWS.

Joseph moved to approve the agenda as amended. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes:

Joseph moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2008 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three ayes.

Review of Mail:

1. **Larry Velarde**, Acting District Ranger/Field Office Manager USDA Forest Service Conejos Peak Ranger District, sent a letter inviting Saguache County to be involved in the development of a project in the Rio de los Pinos drainage approximately 3 miles north-west of Cumbres Pass. (01/17/08)
2. **Joan May**, Chair San Miguel County Board of Commissioners, sent a copy of a letter written to Mr. Neslin, Director of Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, on January 14, 2008. This letter is in addition to COGCC Initial Pre-Draft Rulemaking Proposal to Implement HB 1298/1341. (01/18/08)
3. **Infocast** sent an Agenda and a registration form for a Gasification Summit Workshops to be held March 18-20, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center in Denver. (01/22/08)
4. **The Colorado State University Extension**, sent information on the 2008 Southern Rocky Mountain Agricultural Conference and Agricultural Trade Fair to be held February 12-15 at the Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista. Pre-registration deadline is February 8. There is also a Commercial Applicator Workshop on pesticides that will be held on February 1. (01/22/08) Spearman will attend as many sessions as he can.
5. **Michael Blenden**, Project Leader San Luis Valley NWR Complex Region 6, National Wildlife Refuge System, sent the January 2008 Draft Environmental Assessment of Planned Gas and Oil Exploration, Baca National Wildlife Refuge, Saguache County, Colorado. (01/22/08)

6. **The Gunnison Conservation District** sent the Winter Issue 2008 of the Range Rider. (1/23/08)
7. **The Rio Grande Water Conservation District**, sent the January 2008 Ground Table Measurements. (01/23/08)
8. **Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District** sent Agendas for the Regular Meeting and the Upper Gunnison River Water Activity Enterprise meetings to be held on Monday, January 28, 2008. (01/22/08)
9. **Bernadette Myers**, Office Manager United Country Real Estate, sent copies of recent advertisements of the Town site of Iris.
10. **The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District** sent a Tentative Agenda for the Enterprise Committee Meeting that was held January 10, 2008. A tentative Agenda for the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Board of Directors Meeting that was held on January 10, 2008. (01/22/08)
11. **Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District** sent two bills for availability of SVC, annual fire hydrant and system improvement. (01/28/08). Pace spoke to W&S and the bill was sent in error, and the County should ignore them.
12. **Michelle Pierce**, Chairman Gunnison Basin Roundtable sent a letter stating that Flynn Mangum, Saguache County's representative has missed five meetings in the past five months. Ms Pierce is requiring that action be taken to assure Mr. Mangum's attendance at future Roundtable meetings. (01/25/2008)
13. **Colorado Association of Conservation Districts** sent the Winter 2008 Colorado Conservator "Partners in Conservation". (01/25/08)
14. **Jim Cochran**, President Gunnison Conservation District sent a thank you letter for funding their 2008 request. They will be sending a letter in a couple of months with a request for distribution. (1/25/08)

Pace moved to approve the \$5000.00 for fundraising and coordination for County programs by ScSEED. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes, with Joseph abstaining.

15. **Kim Smoyer**, ScSEED Program & Development Director sent a letter asking Saguache County to continue support for the 2008 fiscal year. Notes of how the money will be spent are included in the letter along with a summary of 2007 accomplishments and activities. (1/29/08)
16. **Dave Miller**, President, Natural Energy Resources Company, sent a Supplemental Public Comment for Colorado Water Education Survey.
17. **Tony Wardle**, Assistant State Forester Colorado State Forest Service sent a letter regarding the EFF assessment for calendar year 2008 invoice that was previously sent to Saguache County. It was dated incorrectly. The date should have been January 8, 2008. (02/01/08)
18. **Denver Regional Council of Governments** sent a postcard with information on the Colorado Communicators Conference to be held April 10-11, 2008 in Denver. (02/01/08)
19. **Tony Hernandez**, Director, Division of Local Government State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs, sent a letter reminding the county of Senate Bill 06-090 requirement written confirmation to the General Assembly certifying cooperation with

federal officials on matters of immigration status. There is a list of the three ways the report may be filed. Sheriff Norris will complete the report.(02/01/08)

20. **The Board of Commissioners of Rio Blanco County** sent a copy of a letter that was sent to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in response to the Proposed Rule Making, HB 1298 and HB 1341. The Board will draft a letter to send to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
21. **Baca Grande Water & Sanitation District** sent a District Contact Update of the 2008 Board members. (01/30/08)

Introduction of Guests: Doug Larsen - Crestone Eagle; Saguache County Planning Commission - Jeff Shook and Bill McClure; Crestone/Baca Planning Commission – Lisa Cyriacks; Tamar Ellentuck; Faith O'Reilly; William Folk; Erin Minks – Congressman Salazar rep; Chuck Grant – BGPOA and BGW&S; SCPH – Donna Newsom & Violet Vigil; Tom Malecek – USFS/BLM

Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:

Linda Joseph reported:

- January 31-Attended the presentation by Gunnison County Attorney, David Baumgarten to the BOCC and Planning Commission representatives, and community members, clarifying County jurisdiction with regard to oil and gas development.
- Completed and submitted revisions to update the Personnel Evaluation process and forms used by the BOCC in Dept. Head evaluations for the Board's consideration, after Admin had the opportunity to comment.
- Completed bid notices for the Web Host and Webmaster positions. Developed a Scope of Work sheet for applicants, as a basis for their bids. The deadline for the letter of interest is Feb 8, 2008 and the deadline for bids is Feb 18, 2008. Worked with the current host and clarified current arrangements. The County is provided unlimited space, and apparently all of the specs we listed are available. Support services have been limited, but the host is now working with Joseph to rectify remaining issues. Initiated homepage for Road & Bridge and Landfill, and posted updates to Veteran's Services, Public Health, Oil & Gas, Wildlife alerts/closures.
- Added counters to main Dept. pages, so we can see right on each page how often they are being accessed. Assisted with set-up of folder/file organizers on Co-Administrator Maez's laptop computer.

Sam Pace reported:

- Attended a SLVCA meeting with Dave Michaelson giving an update on Master Plan activities and some info on oil and gas related topics.

January 27, 2008 - attended CCI Legislative reception in Denver and met with several legislators urging them to tackle the tough problems associated with oil and gas extraction and the severance tax and FML funds.

January 18, 2008 - attended the CCI steering committee meetings / Economic Development and Tourism: Report from Colorado College is available at

www.coloradocollege.edu/StateoftheRockies and all data county by county is available here. The 65+ population in Co. grew 45% 2000 to 2005. Lots of good data on this site

- General government:
 1. Supported bills that allowed liquor permits for art galleries.

2. Suspend instead of cancel Medicaid benefits for inmates/digitized electors signatures check

3. Opposed a reduction in fees for copies, requiring photo identification in elections, and HB08-1041 on campaign finance.

- Tax & Finance: Supported 1103 and SB08-067 which will allow the use of conservation trust funds for operational expenses.
- Transportation and Telecommunications: Received a report from CDOT and discussed a proposed change in traffic fines and money distribution. Opposed SB 041.
- January 24 2008 -, met with Gail Schwartz and attended a hearing with sportsmen, wildlife and environmental groups at the state capitol. I spoke about our challenges with the oil and gas exploration on the Baca wildlife refuge and urged the attendees to weigh in on the EA that is in process.
- New bill to change the disbursement of Conservation Trust Funds to be able to fund on going operations and not just capital expenditures. See above comments
- Attended CCI steering committee meetings and was part of a committee to look at and make recommendations on severance tax and FML funds.
- 7:30AM went through HB 1084 and most felt it is a good idea but needs no caps. Will allow counties to work with energy companies to get projects done and allow the company to get credits off their severance tax.
- SB-013 seemed to be ok with most of us and would allow money that isn't currently being used to go to support division of wildlife and division of parks and recreation. HB-1084 is the most controversial. Will change the formulas for the distribution of Federal Mineral Lease Funds. We recommended that the 3 factors not be weighted at less than 30% and that HUTF miles be considered in the formula and otherwise don't fix what isn't broken. A discussion that Rep. Buescher is preparing a bill that has our support was met with skepticism.
- Public Lands-HB1069-Support in its original form, would help enforcement of illegal motorized vehicle use on Public Lands HB1110 support a tax deduction for wildfire mitigation/and oppose 1182 to do with acquisition of state lands. Also had a presentation of proposed changes in the DOLA grant program. I have copies for you to see. Agriculture, Wildlife, Rural Affairs. Reps from State Ag and wildlife agencies were there to weigh on several bills. HB1129 was a tie vote on a bill to restrict animal ID's at the state fair. 1137 was opposed as it would have made it more difficult for CDOW to acquire property. SB069 opposed as it would lessen penalties for poaching, HB1200 support to prohibit computer assisted remote hunting. Also supported 028, 035, 096 and 097-all senate bills. Land Use- Supported HB1099 will move some water control issues to Water Quality Control Commission and waste tire hauler issues to Solid & Hazardous Waste Commission, both from the Board of Health. 1161 support requirements for developers to prove an adequate water supply and supported 1161 and 1165 which will both strengthen health and safety issues in mining reclamation.
- Attended a work session with County Planning Commissions and Gunnison County Attorney and others.
- February 1 2008 - made contact with Darla at Baca Water & Sanitation about land within the W&S which might encompass some of the public lands so therefore would be eligible for PILT funds. Pace had Assessor Stephens research the history of the land in question.
- Spoke with Dave Nesline of COGG about Lexam wells regarding the EA.

- Spoke to Dale Wiescamp about the offer on the Town of Iris, which was discussed at the BOCC meeting on Jan. 15 and it was considered to be too low.
- Representative Curry has introduced a bill on Hazardous Material route.
- Attended training on Drug and Alcohol Prevention in schools.

Mike Spearman reported:

- January 24, 2008 - Met with all the SLV Court Security Teams in Alamosa for a video conference with the Court Security Commission to discuss preparing grant applications for money available across the State for Court Security. The process worked very well. Saguache County has been identified as a high priority and we should receive funding. Purpose of the grant is to bring all the courts in the State up to speed in terms of being a safe environment. There are 36 priority counties competing for \$699,000 this first cycle. Money can be applied for under 4 categories: 1.) Personnel, 2.) court security equipment 3.) security training 4.) court security emergencies. Two grant cycles each year. Payment is by reimbursement. Each County must create a priority list. All contracts for grants are between the State and the County (not Sheriff Office).
- January 28, 2008 Developmental Resources Group: In 2007 DRG did \$1,000,000 in new loans in the SLV. This in addition to the \$2,000,000 already out in loans. They are continuing to receive input for the current CEEDS grant update but the draft is ready. This document is a must for anyone considering new development in the SLV. The State has now agreed to purchase a Sun Station which will be used to collect solar data in the SLV. Should be up and running very soon. DRG will be approaching the folks doing the feasibility study very soon. DRG still has money available for new loans.
- January 28, 2008 All Hazards meeting: Main topic of discussion was LEPC's or Local Emergency Planning Committee. Based on statute these committees can be formed in any County or area. Very easy to set up and operate but each committee qualifies to apply for a great many grants which might apply to emergency management. They simply focus on what the County might need. Committees connect first responders with the community and businesses. Very unique statutory immunity. Committee can help with NIMS compliance. There have been regional LEPC's in the SLV before but currently all are defunct. We should defer this to Kimberly Bryant OEM.
- January 31, 2008: Attended meeting with Dave Baumgartner (attorney) regarding Oil & Gas.
- January 31, 2008 Attended second meeting with Court Security Team. Sheriff Norris and Pat Stafford of the SLV Court Security Team. Discussed prioritizing Saguache County's needs for Court security. Decided to look at security for the whole courthouse and not just the Court room. Highest priority will be about 13 cameras located in the courthouse. Next will be security personnel while court is in session and lastly, metal detector for Court entrance. All grant applications are due this month for this cycle.
- Conversation with Collin Henderson about changing mining statutes to reflect more local control. The Board needs to draft a letter to support the legislation. Pace commented that he supported this bill at the CCI legislative meeting.

Lynn Zimmer and Wendi Maez - CO-Administrators:

Spearman moved to appoint Rebie Hazard to the Colorado River Water Conservation District Board. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

- Appointment to the Colorado River Water Conservation District appointment. Rebie Hazard is the only one to express interest in the appointment.

Joseph moved to approve the Federal Annual Certification report. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes

- Federal Annual Certification Report received from Sheriff Norris needs to be signed.

Spearman moved to approve the Veterans Service monthly report. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

- Veterans Service Monthly report received from Tom Blunt and signed.
- Duties for the administration staff were sent to the Board by email.
- Xcel Energy has sent us a “Warning Letter” informing the maintenance department that a fine will not be assessed this time. A fine of up to \$25,000 can be assessed if notice of excavation is not provided as required.
- A fax was received from Larry Kallenberger with CCI on January 18th for Saguache County to participate in the Federal Mineral Lease/Severance Tax Task Force. Commissioner Pace signed the form and we faxed it back with Pace as our representative.
- An issue with one of Nursing Services’ credit cards concerning the purchase of gas cards on the county credit card was handled. Bankcard system called with 3 possible fraud charges on the card and this purchase was one of their concerns. Nursing Service has purchased 40 - \$20 gas cards for a meeting they were holding last week. This type of purchase is not allowed as there is no way to keep track of the purchase and expense. This issue came about several years ago with DSS and the auditors told us then that gift cards cannot be purchased or given away as there is no way to track them. We have discussed this issue with Director Newsom and she is aware that this type of purchase should not be allowed.
- Pace contacted Zimmer concerning PILT funding and the BGW&S. BGW&S is taking care of the building on the refuge and they are requesting part of or how they receive PILT funding for the upkeep of the building. The funding is by the Federal Government and they will need to speak to them to request. As far as we know the only entities that receive PILT funding are Counties and schools. Entities that receive funding receive it directly from the Federal Government; the Counties do not disperse the money. In the past BGW&S distributed funds themselves but how this was taken care of we don’t know that was something that Scott Johnson did.
- Robert Mailander with the Governor’s Energy Office visited and the Governor’s new energy program was discussed, Maez referred him to John Baxter and Nicholas Chambers.
- Sales Taxes – most reports from the Pilot Cycle grantees have been received. There are two pending.
- Mileage reimbursement increase information for Veterans was given to Tom Blunt.
- Website position ads have been set out.
- The Board is scheduled to do walk through of Housing apartments with the new Housing Director, Chella Coleman, on the second meeting in March.

- Valley Commissioner's meeting will be Feb. 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use Administrator

Joseph motioned to appoint Richard Drake to be a representative of the Saguache County Planning Commission. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Maez recommended that Richard Drake be appointed as the representative to the Saguache County Planning Commission instead of being an alternate member of the County Planning Commission, Richard has been an alternate for 2 years and lives in that general area.
- Spoke with Dave Michaelson about the socio-economic study and he said right now he doesn't have the time but if a study is done he would be willing to review it prior to the study being made public.
- We have received a letter from the State of Colorado Division of Reclamation stating that Southway Construction has requested release of their bond for their Swede Corner Pit. Randy Arredondo did a site inspection and he stated that it has not been used for several years and is reclaiming itself the way the State requested.
- Fritz Russell has sent a request to purchase the 1/6th interest in the Vulcan Lode Mining Claim that Saguache County owns. This was advertised and no one else has expressed interest in the purchase of the property. Mr. Russell's bid is for \$825 which is \$525 over the minimum bid amount which was \$300. Pace hesitated to sell county mineral rights, and wants to know more of the specifics of Mr. Russell's interest in the claim. Can county retain royalty rights? Mr. Russell will be invited to meet with the BOCC.
- The Commissioners signed the Planning Commissioners appointment letters.
- Met with Jeff Shook about the Mount Kia/Mia to get an update on the upcoming event. There have been several meetings to set up for this event. The dedication of itself will take place on June 21, 2008 with a weekend long event planned. Joyful Journey and a property across the street will be the host locations for camping and parking. They are expecting 5,000 - 10,000 people for this event. Shook was informed that a special event permit would have to be issued and he will forward that info on to the steering committee at their next meeting.
- The next Master Plan Advisory Council Potluck meeting will be on February 14th from 6pm to 8pm at the Saguache Community Building. This meeting will be to discuss further meetings and info gathered from the January 10th public forum.
- Ann Bunting received a Conditional Use permit for an additional residence (mobile home divided in half) in 2004 with the condition that she purchase an additional lot to be designated as open space. Bunting is now requesting that we consider allowing her to remove the deed restriction so that she can sell that lot and the buyer can consolidate it with his lot. The lot would still remain in "open space" because if it is consolidated it can't be built on without approval from the County. There is already a house on the lot it would be consolidated with. The one issue of concern is we have control over the open space lot now thru a deed restriction and if that is removed would we be able to make sure it will remain open space somehow? Pace states he really needs to read the original permit as well as the proposed changes, especially consolidation issues. Five year deed

restrictions? Exemptions? Deed restriction disallowing further subdividing of property also discussed. Total acreage = 80 acres; can be divided into 2 -35 acre parcels without permits. But, this could give open permission for landowners to further subdivide, perpetuating growth, but could also initiate unforeseen problems.

- During the Thursday meeting the Planning Commissions made the motion to ask for funding for a coordinator to be hired to work with the PC on the oil and gas regulations.
- Lisa Cyriacks, Chairperson of the Crestone/Baca PC reports on meeting of Jan. 31 re: needing discussion of Prescriptive, Performance-based or hybrid regulations. PCs need a person to coordinate incoming reports, recommendations; ideas etc so that it can be compiled in a format congruent with the existing Land Use Code. Concerned about timing of advertising for assistance. Maez reports that Katherine Van Note has been working on this project and has been doing an excellent job. She has not yet asked to be compensated, but all are in agreement that monetary compensation would help assure a willingness to continue. Jeff Shook chairperson of the Saguache County Planning Commission is impressed with what our county has compiled and thinks these docs would be helpful for other counties as well; we have been able to keep on top of situation rather than fall behind. Wendi Maez, Jeff Shook and Lisa Cyriacks are overseeing work on the O&G regulations. Pace suggests more comprehensive minutes to be sent to Planning Commissioners, as timely as possible, so they have a heads up on what to expect before attending follow up meetings and to ensure quorums. All incoming information should be funneled through Maez to ensure they are distributed to all who should receive them. Rebie Hazard, of the SCPC, suggests a 'referee' so that meetings don't get out of hand at work sessions. Pace suggests that all attending these public meetings should listen first as the Planning Commissions complete their work, then Q&A with discussions to follow, keeping perhaps a 3-minute time limit per speaker.

Melinda Myers – County Clerk:

Spearman moved to approve the liquor license for Gunbarrel Steakhouse. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Liquor License for Gunbarrel Steak House - Faith O'Reily, petitioner, present. O'Riley states that only the name of the restaurant was changed.

Lunch at 12:02 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:03 P.M.

Randal Arredondo – Road & Bridge Supervisor:

- Hwy.114 Haz Mat issues discussed. BOCC resolution will be reviewed with Ben Gibbons at next meeting. Specifics regarding oil and gas transport need clarification. GVW overages discussed as well, with surcharge to be assessed.
- There have been requests to plow private driveways and roadways, rates set at \$85 per hour, with one hour minimum.
- \$60,000.00 has not been received from HGTF for January, impacting the R&B budget.

Randal Arredondo - Land Fill Supervisor:

- Arredondo wants permission to seek grants for new heavy equipment; half to be paid by Road & Bridge and Landfill. Prices and options discussed. Pace cites Bill HB08-1230 in his concerns for older equipment and emissions.
- Free Dump Day scheduled: April 19, 2008.

Donna Newsom – Nursing:

- Ileen Rivale, Donna Newsom and Pearl Brewer attended the Colorado Prevention Partnership Advisory Council which Saguache County is a member. We found the meeting to be informative and very helpful as we move into the implementation phase of our grant. The Communities That Care training was held in Center on January 29th. It was well attended by interested citizens in the county. The CPP/ADAD grant is working to combat underage alcohol use in Saguache County. The Healthy Kids Colorado surveys were successfully completed again this year. The results should be back within the week. Results will be shared with the BOCC again this year. These surveys are a tremendous aid in assisting us with policy work and programming with our youth.
- The PCP agency currently has a client base of 109 clients'. This includes private pay as well as Medicaid clients. The average billing continues at approximately \$40k monthly. The denials are minimal. The phone satisfaction/quality improvement surveys are continuing. The complaints are logged on a 24 hour basis and are followed up on by the supervisors. The results are recorded in the client chart. The PCP Agency expects a re-visit by Medicaid at any time. This is in response to our corrections that were made this past year during our audit. We have purchased a GPS unit for the PCP department. This will greatly assist the Supervisors in locating our clients.
- The STEPP grant renewal was completed and sent to Denver as required by CDPHE. Donna Newsom and Ileen Rivale attended the STEPP grant workshop in Denver in December. One of the changes in our grant will be the addition of the disparate population outreach through LSTPN. This is the Latino outreach coalition in Colorado. STEPP just informed us that they finally have released over \$9,000 dollars that they owe us for November/ December 2007.
- February is National Heart Month. SCPH has chosen this month to “kick off” our Public Health commitment to Heart Health in our county. We now have three trained CPR instructors in the department. Our goal is to train our staff and PCP field personnel in CPR. We then plan on offering CPR classes and certification to any county citizen that would like to be certified. The classes will be offered at a minimal charge.
- SCPH has joined WELCOA in order to begin providing a wellness program in the county. We would like to begin offering the program to county employees as soon as possible. Some of the offerings include targeted initiatives based on data from the county insurance carrier. This includes interventions and prevention strategies to address Hypertension, Heart disease, Diabetes, Obesity, and sedentary lifestyles. Starting February 13, 2008 SCPH will be offering a 15 week weight loss program that will be taught by Mary Ellen Fleming from the Colorado State Extension office in the SLV. The class is being offered to county employees only at this time. If we do not have a good response from county employees we will open up the class to any one in the county that is interested. The flyers went out in paychecks this past pay period.

- SCPH will be submitting a grant request for funding from the county sales tax revenues in March. We will be requesting funding for our senior's that are homebound and do not have smoke/Co2 alarms in their homes. Our other request will be for equipment/materials needed to complete our fitness center in Saguache and a treadmill in Center at the senior center.
- Epidemiology report: It is being reported that Colorado has wide spread influenza activity as of this week. One confirmed case of Typhoid Fever reported in El Paso County. Child infected had traveled to India.

Pace commented on the statistics of Alcohol & Drug abuse education being more successful when taught to younger children. Newsom cited that first graders were being introduced to these programs with great success rates.

Kristy Murphy – U. S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management:

- Baca Mountain Tract – Presented a draft copy of proposed brochure of access to public land in the Baca/Crestone area to Commissioners. Member of the public read a letter to Commissioners re: Bill 96G7 - access roads, trails and paths cannot be closed, fenced, posted without approval of Board of County commissioners. It was stated that several of the spiritual centers above the Baca have posted trails as private property. Locals want free access for themselves as well as visitors who are drawn to the area specifically for these Peaks trails. Letters and other information presented to each member of the Commission. Joseph expresses her concerns about current impacts; trail maintenance, parking, human waste, off trail campfires, etc. The concerned citizens present requested a public forum before any action is taken. Spearman suggests if so many residents are concerned, they should write letters to the Commissioners for them to consider. A member of the public requested the trails remain open as she felt her rights were being violated. Public vs. Private land issues need to be determined before the county can step in, stated Pace. County involvement is not clear at this point; the Board will consult with the County Attorney on this matter. An agreement between the public and actual landowners would ultimately be the best solution. In reference to the Forest Service brochure, several public members say they oppose the printing of and distribution of said brochure.

Forest Service Cooperating Agency MOU for the Baca Mountain Tract is in review by the County Attorney.

Tom Malecek –Anderson Ditch and Blanca Wetlands

- Reported on a possible land/water exchange, which might be of concern to the public, of four parcels in Saguache County. Map presented to the Board as parcels feasible for disposal. Parcel N comprises 114 acres, Parcel M 40 acres + 140, Parcel L is 46 acres and Parcel K is 160 acres. Commissioners voiced concerns that adjoining landowners will protest, as most of these parcels would be sub dividable. The proposal still needs to be sent to Washington, DC for approval.

Break

Joseph moved to enter into Executive Session at 3:40 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 5:40 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion.
The vote was three Ayes.**

Executive Session – Department Head evaluations – 20 minutes each

Donna Newsom - Nursing

Tom Blunt – Veteran’s Officer

Jeannie Norris – Department of Social Services

Randy Arredondo – Road and Bridge Department

Bill Paying

Joseph moved to adjourn at 5:30 P.M. Spearman seconded. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved February 19, 2008

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

Commissioner